

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Tadayuki Imanaka et al.
Application No. : 10/526,324
Filed : April 19, 2006
For : METHOD OF TARGETED GENE DISRUPTION, GENOME OF
HYPERTHERMOSTABLE BACTERIUM AND GENOME CHIP
USING THE SAME

Examiner : Nancy Treptow Vogel
Art Unit : 1636
Docket No. : 490051.401USPC
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated June 17, 2008, please extend the period of time for response two months, to expire on September 17, 2008. Enclosed are a Petition for an Extension of Time and authorization to charge the requisite fee. Applicants hereby elect Group I, claims 1-7, drawn to a method for targeted disruption of a gene in the genome of a living organism, for examination at this time. Applicants reserve the right to pursue non-elected claims in any related divisional, continuation, or continuation-in-part application(s).

Claims 1-7 read on the elected invention.

Consideration of the elected claims is now requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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